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1. PHINQ REPORTS THAT FRIEDHEIM BACKTRACK& AND ABSOLVES SAC FROM INVOLVEMENT IN SECRET RAIDS ON CAMBODIA, CORRECTING EARLIER STATEMENT INDICATING AN ACTIVE SAC ROLE. ACKNOWLEDGES RAIDS WERE AUTHORIZED AND DIRE(TED FROM WASHINGTON, REFUSED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, BUT SAID "WE" WILL RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM SENATE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE. OTHER SOURCES GUESS JCS RESPONSIBILITY THOUGH PICTURE CONFUSED. FRIEDHEIM ALSO SAYS NEITHER LAIRD NOR WHEELER ORDERED RECORD FAKING. LAIRD ADMITS AUTHORIZING SORTIES IN NVA- OCCUPIED CAMBODIA TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES, BUT DENIES DIRECTING OR AUTHORIZING FALSIFICATION. FARRAR IN CHITRIB COMPARES CONFLICTING STORIES TO WATERGATE HEARINGS AND QUOTES FRIEDHEIM THAT DECISION TO REPORT RAIDS AS OCCURRING IN SVN MADE BY SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AND THAT CLEMENTS AND ADM. MOORER OF JCS WERE IN CHARGE AND ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE (ALSO CLAIBORNE WP). SCHMIDT (CSM) SEES FRIEDHEIM AND LAIRD AT ODDS OVER WHO KNEW ABOUT THE BOMBING, SAYS BOMBING CLEARED BY SIHANOUK WHO WANTED IT KEPT QUIET, AND PRESENT DISCLOSURE EMBARRASSES

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY INVOLVING SIHANOUK. HE ALSO STATES CONCEALMENT AUTHORIZATION CAME FROM NSC WITH PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. NYT SUMMARY GAVE THE KEY ISSUES AS THE SCOPE OF THE RAIDS, WHO AUTHORIZED RECORDS FALSIFICATION, AND WHO AUTHORIZED PENTAGON TO LIE TO S.A.F.C. ABOUT THE RAIDS.

2. PEAGAM (CSM) REPORTS LAOS COALITION REMOTE AFTER 5 MONTHS OF CEASEFIRE, BUT PREVIOUS COALITIONS TOOK LONGER TO DEVELOP. DISAGREEMENTS INVOLVE CEASEFIRE LINE, STATIONING PL BATTALIONS AT VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG, DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS, ROLE OF POLITICAL COUNCIL, FATE OF REFUGEES, AND TERM OF COALITION. PL CLAIMS CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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ESPECIALLY AIR SORTIES. NIXON ADMINISTRATION SOUGHT \$311 MILLION MILITARY AND \$48.5 MILLION ECONOMIC AID FY 74, BUT NO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL YET. AMEMB VIENTIANE SAYS NO US PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS, BUT SITUATION FLUID. THERE ARE RUMORS OF CIA REDUCTIONS AND CONTRACT AIR CARRIER DISMISSING PERSONNEL. LAOS PARTITION WILL PROBABLY REMAIN. VIENTIANE CURRENT YEAR BGET IS \$32.7 MILLION, HALF FROM FOREIGN A. PL RECENTLY CONCLUDED AID AGREEMENT WITH NVN TO INCLUDE MEDICAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, AND IS SEEKING FURTHER ASSISTANCE FROM EUROPEAN AND ASIAN SOCIALIST REGIMES.

3. KISSINGER DEPLORES CAMBODIA SECRET BOMBING RECORD

FALSIFICATION, DENIES WHITE HOUSE ORDERED OR WAS AWARE OF FALSIFICATION, AND SAYS WH HAS BEGUN OWN INVESTIGATION (NYT, HERSH; SUN).

4. NYT REPORTS INSURGENTS PRESSING PHNOM PENH FROM THREE SIDES, DESPITE B-52 STRIKES ON POSITIONS 0 MILES S AND NW; ;200 INMATES FROM MILITARY PRISON 6-1/2 MILES SOUTH EVACUATED TO PHNOM PENH, SINCE COMMUNISTS WERE WITHIN 1,000 YDS.

5. REUTER QUOTES SIHANOUK CHARGE US PLANNING SVN-THAI INVASION CAMBODIA WITH LATER US TROOPS AS RESULT WEYA VISIT. ACCUSES US OF CARRYING OUT DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERS TO COVER ESCALATION. APPEAL MADE TO CAMBODIAN PEOPLE TO RISE AGAINST LON NOL.

6. NYT QUOTES CAMBODIAN HIGH COMMAND REPORT OF NEW FIGHTING NEAR ANGKOR WAT, AND INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW NVN DIVISIONS INTO CAMBODIA SINCE MAY.

7. CHITRIB DESCRIBES VC-RUN LEPER COLONY NEAR QUI NHON AS AN OASIS OF PEACE IN VIET NAM.

8. SAIKOWSKI (CSM) DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF AFRO-VIETNAMESE CHILDREN AND AID'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST.

9. SEIDEN (SUN) DISCUSSES CASE OF YOUNG SVN POLITICAL PRISONER ALLEGEDLY TORTURED IN PRISON AND STATES UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT GVN HYPERSENSITIVE TO CRITICISM CONCERNING POLITICAL PRISONERS. MACARTHUR (NYT) REPORTS LAT CORRESPONDENT JACQUE LESLIE EXPELLED FOR ARTICLES HARMFUL TO SVN IMAGE ABROAD.

10. SHIPLIN (NYT) DESCRIBES PROBLEMS OF DELTA FARMERS IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE HARVESTING RICE AMID BOOBY TRAPS, ARTILLERY FIRE, AND THE CONTINUING BATTLE OF THE FLAGS, DESPITE WITHDRAWAL OF NVN FIFTH DIVISION TO CAMBODIAN BORDER. ROADS FIRMLY IN GVN HANDS AND BEING REPAIRED AND IMPROVED.

11. TREASTER (NYT) REPORTS DEPARTURE OF GAUVIN FROM SAIGON AFTER SIX MONTHS. GAUVIN ASSERTED THAT COMMUNISTS CREAT INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES INCLUDING VC NONCOOPERATION AND POLAND-HUNGARY REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE VC/NVN VIOLATIONS. CANADA IN UNTENABLE POSITION AND WITHDRAWING TO PRESERVE IMPARTIAL REPUTATION. ENTIRE DELEGATION SCHEDULED DEPART END JULY WITH NO REPLACEMENT NATION FOUND. GAUVIN BELIEVES KEY TO VN PEACE IS WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING.

12. NYT REPORTS ONE OF HEAVIEST BATTLES SINCE CEASE-FIRE 25 MILES N SAIGON IN RUBBER PLANTATION AREA NEAR PHU GIAO; 400 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FIRED WITH CLAIMED 47 COMMUNISTS AND 3 ARVN KILLED.

THAILAND

13. LO HSING-HAN, REPUTED "OPIUM KING" OF GOLDEN TRIANGLE, REPORTED CAPTURED IN N. THAILAND TUESDAY, WHEN SOME OF HIS 1,000-MAN PRIVATE ARMY WERE FORCED INTO THAILAND AFTER CLASH WITH BURMESE TROOPS (AP, WP, CHITRIB, SUN, NYT; CSM). THAIS REPORTED JUBILANT AT CAPTURE, WHICH CAME AFTER SERIES OF LARGE CONFISCATIONS OF DRUGS IN N. THAILAND (NYT, CHITRIB).

KOREA

14. IN NEWS CONFERENCE WINDING UP 47-HOUR SEOUL VISIT, SECRETARY ROGERS ANNOUNCES "WHOLEHEARTED" UNCLASSIFIED

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US SUPPORT FOR SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN THIS FALL (SUN'S PEPPER, WP'S OBERDORFER, NYT). NYT A CHITRIB CARRY AP PHOTO OF SECRETARY AND JONG-PIL ON GOLF LINKS DURING BREAK IN TALKS. PEPPER NOTES ROGERS SAID US HAS NO PRESENT PLANS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH PYONGYANG. OBERDORFER SAYS SECRETARY'S SK VISIT IS "BY FAR THE MOST EXPLICIT EXPRESSION OF CONTINUING US SUPPORT" FOR SK SINCE PARKS SWEEPED AWAY EXISTING CONSTITUTION "AND ESTABLISHED VIRTUALLY UNCHECKED ONE MAN RULE LAST OCTOBER." ADDS THAT US OFFICIALS INDICATED SECRETARY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT INTERNAL SK SITUATION IN TALKS WITH PARK AND JONG-PIL.

15. DENT ASKS ROK TO BUY MORE AMERICAN GOODS TO HELP REDUCE US TRADE DEFICIT. KOREANS COUNTER WITH CALL FOR RELAXATION OF US EXPORT EMBARGOES (AP, CHITRIB; CSM).

16. CSM'S POND, IN TOKYO, REPORTS SK IDEA HAS BEEN FLOATED THERE FOR PARK-KIM IL SUNG SUMMIT. SK OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER, YU CHIN SAN, IN TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO PROPOSED COLLECTIVE SECURITY GUARANTEE OF PEACE IN KOREA BY US, SOVIET, CHINA AND JAPAN.

CHINA

17. FIRST TELEGRAM TO GO BY SATELLITE BETWEEN US AND CHINA WAS SENT YESTERDAY BY DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE TO INAUGURATE DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PEKING'S GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND WESTERN UNION NY HEADQUARTERS. WHITE SENT GREETINGS

FROM US PHYSICIANS TO THEIR CHINESE COLLEAGUES (NYT).

18. REUTER'S PRINGLE, IN PEKING, SAYS MAO'S "UNUSUAL" ONE-HOUR AUDIENCE WITH CHINESE-AMERICAN PHYSICIST DR. YANG CHEN-NING THIS WEEK IS SEEN BY DIPLOMATS THERE AS "MAJOR SIGNAL" THAT PEKING WISHES MEN OF HIS STAINING TO RETURN TO HELP PRC'S NEW DRIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND WAS ALSO PART OF NEW EFFORT TO WIN SUPPORT AMONG WORLD'S 20 MILLION OVERSEAS CHINESE.
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PRINGLE SAYS ONE ENVOY BELIEVES MAO-YANG MEETING WAS ALSO GESTURE TO CHINESE-AMERICAN INTELLE(TUAL COMMUNITY IN CALIFORNIA, SINCE CHINA'S LEADING SCIENTIST, PHYSICIST CHOU PEI-YUAN, HIMSELF PARTLY US-EDUCATED AT CIT, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT CONVERSATION.

19. MANSFIELD SAYS "THINGS LOOK ENCOURAGING" FOR HIM TO MAKE RETURN TRIP TO CHINA DURING AUGUST

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CONGRESSIONAL RECESS. ASKED IF PRC HAS APPROVED TRIP, SAYS "IT LOOKS FAVORABLE" (AP, NYDN).

20. PROF. TING KWANG-HSUN, HEAD OF NANKING THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, TOLD CODEL LAST WEEK THAT THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 70,000 CHRISTIANS IN PRC. CONTENTED CHRISTIAN CHUR(H WILL NOT DIE IN CHINA, "BECAUSE WE HAVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM," BUT MAINTAINED IT WILL NOT GROW "BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORY" AS FOREIGN COLONIALISM IMPORT. CLAIMED RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN CHINA HAVE BEEN JAILED NOT AS QUESTION OF RELIGION, BUT AS POLITICAL MATTER (AP'S BURKART, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

21. STAR-NEWS ARGUES IT IS TIME TO END SENSELESS CAMBODIAN WAR, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. NEGOTIATE FOR BEST DEAL POSSIBLE, BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT. KI VICTORY PERHAPS UNFORTUNATE, BUT TO AVERAGE CAMBODIAN ANYTHING RESULTING IN END TO CURRENT CHAOS IS UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME.

22. BRUCKER (BOSTON GLOBE, 7/19) WRITES AUG. 15 WILL BE TEST. WHAT MATTERS IS NOT WHAT IS DECIDED, BUT HOW. WILL CONGRESS KEEP ITS RECENTLY ACQUIRED BACKBONE, OR WILL IT KNUCKLE UNDER TO PRESIDENT? IF THE PEOPLE LET CONGRESS KNOW WE INSIST ON ITS EING THE WAR, THEN WE CAN RETURN TO MAKING WAR ONLY AS THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES. AND THAT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD RETURNING THE COUNTRY TO HEALTH AND SANITY AGAIN.

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23. KEAT (SUN) REPORTS US OFFICIAL SAYS WATERGATE WEAKENED US NEGOTIATING HAND IN CAMBODIA, BUT EXPRESSES G HOPE THAT COUNTRY WILL NOT FALL AFTER BOMBING STOPS. ADMINISTRATION DENIES WATERGATE HAS AFFECTED PRESIDENT'S CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT GOVERNMENTS WILL ASSESS EFFECTS ON PRESIDENT BY HIS ABILITY TO GET CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION HE NEEDS TO IMPLEMENT FOREIGN POLICIES. PRICIONS OF GKR'S IMMINENT COLLAPSE UNDULY PESSIMISTIC. KI FOR(E SMALL AND NOT NECESSARILY CAPABLE OF CAPTURING PP OR OTHER MAJOR CITIES; MAY NOT EVEN WANT TO BECAUSE OF ENSUING RESPONSIBILITY FOR FEEDING POPULATION, AND BE(AUSE CAPTURE OF PP WOULD BRING TO HEAD POLITICAL RIVALRY BETWEEN INSURGENT LEADERS AND SIHANOUK. KHMER ROUGE WOULD BE BEHOLDEN TO HANOI, BUT NEITHER PRC NOR USSR WANTS NVN DOMINATION OF INDOCHINA. OFFICIAL CAUTIOUS IN APPRAISING

FUTURE OF INDOCHINA, DESCRIBING IT AS "POTENTIALLY MANAGEABLE MESS FOR SOME TIME", AND DOUBTING MAJOR RESURGENCE OF FIGHTING IN NEAR FUTURE. SAIGON HAS NOT COLLAPSED ANDHOLD ON COUNTRYSIDE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN HANOI EXPECTED. HANOI NO LONGER INTERESTED IN NATIONAL COUNCIL, OR ELECTIONS. INSTEAD IS MORE LIKELY TO CONSOLIDATE THIN STRIP OF TERRITORY ALONG SVN'S WESTERN BORDER AS BASE AREA. NVN MAY WAIT FOR GVN TO LOSE GRIP, OR MAY PUT ASIDE PLANS TO TAKE OVER SOUTH AND REBUILD HOMELAND, BUT KNOWS IT WILL RECEIVE NO SUPPORT FROM CHINA OR USSR FOR RENEWED MILITARY ACTION.

24. ISAACS (SUN) FINDS NO MAJOR US OBJECTIVE WITHIN REA(H IN CAMBODIA AS TIME RUNS OUT. PRESIDENT'S POLICIES ARE CRASH-DIVING TO COMPLETE FAILURE, FOR WHICH THOUSANDS OF (AMBODIANS PAYING HEAVY PRICE IN BLOOD AND SUFFERING. FANK STILL LOSING GROUND, AND BOMBING HAS NOT MADE GKR STRONGER. DIPLOMATICALLY THERE IS NO GLIMMER OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO CEASE-FIRE. ONCE AIR SUPPORT IS HALT, REBELS WILL BE ABLE TO OVERRUN SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVINCIAL CAPITALS, AND WILL HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE PERMANENTLY CUTTING SUPPLY ROUTES UNTIL PP SURRENDERS. ADMINISTRATION HASN'T EVEN RESOLVED QUESTION OF WHO TO NEGOTIATE WITH SINCE KI SEEMS COMPOSITE OF MANY FACTIONS. PP REGIME SO MIRED IN CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY IT HAS ALMOST NO POPULAR SUPPORT,

AND HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL IS INEFFECTIVE. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OR ACTIONS OF PP ELITE WHO HAVE ENRI(HED THEMSELVES WITH US AID DOLLARS.

25. CSM REFLECTS ON EVE OF US-JAPAN SUMMIT. ROGERS OI(D WHAT HE COULD TO RESCUE ECONCOM IN ABSENCE OF SHULTZ, STEIN, BUTZ. DISCUSSION OF TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS WAS FRANK, AND JAPANESE RECEIVED REASSURANCES THAT US WOULD CONTINUE ROLE AS SUPPLIER OF VITAL FARM PRODUCTS. BUT NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN ELIMINATING UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION LEFT BY WHAT JAPANESE HAVE INTERPRETED AS A SERIES OF SLIGHTS. JAPAN FEELS US FAILS TO RECOGNIZE ITS IMPORTANCE IN POST-VIETNAM GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND THAT US DOES NOT SUFFICIENTLY APPRECIATE MOVES ALREADY TAKEN TO CUT TRADE SURPLUS. ON PAPER, UPCOMING SUMMIT PROVIDES PRESENT WITH OPPORTUNITY TO LAUN(H NEW ERA IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS, BASED ON FULL RECOGNITION OF JAPAN'S ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL

ROLE IN WORLD. HOWEVER, TANAKA MUST BE WONDERING IF WATERGATE WILL PERMIT PRESIDENT TO GIVE ANY MORE ATTENTION TO JAPAN NOW THAN HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST.

26. PROF. KWAN HA YIM (MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE), IN REPLY TO NYT EDITORIAL 7/7, SAYS THAT EVEN IF UN COULD END ITS INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA, KOREAN PROBLEM WOULD REMAIN AND POSE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. UER PRESENT CIR(UMSTANCES, THE TWO-KOREAS SUGGESTION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED MOVE FOR FURTHER DETENTE. IT WOULD QUITE POSSIBLY CLOSE DOOR TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, PAVING WAY FOR PERMANENT DIVISION. PRACTICALLY, MISSION OF TWO KOREAS IS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBLE SO LONG AS NK OPPOSES IT. EVEN IF ADMITTED, THE PRESENT STATE AND MOOD OF BOTH WOULD SEVERELY LIMIT THEIR VALUE TO UN. UN COULD MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEFUL EVOLUTION OF SITUATION IF IT ADOPTED RESOLUTION MAKING CLEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER QUESTION OF KOREAN ADMISSION UNTIL THE TWO KOREAS THEMSELVES HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON WHETHER TO GO IN AS ONE STATE, OR TWO.

27. SNOUCK-HURGRONJE (CSM) DISCUSSES JAPAN'S NUCLEAR DILEMMA. JAPAN IS MAJOR POWER WHOSE DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A CONSISTENT, OR WELL-CONCEIVED, PUBLIC-DEFENSE POLICY. IN FAVORING "DEFENSIVE" NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TANAKA IS EVIDENTLY TAKING SIDES IN LONG-TERM

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HURGRONJE EXAMINES DEFENSE THEORY OF THE FORMER,
AND CON(LS THERE IS NOT GOOD REASON FOR JAPAN TO
ALTER ITS PRESENT POLICY OF MAINTENANCE OF REASONABLY
EFFECTIVE CONVENTIONAL FORCES. THE LOOKED-FOR
RESULT OF THE SALT TALKS MAY OFFER A STARTING POINT
FOR SIMILAR ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS IN ASIA. JAPAN
CAN AFFORD TO WAIT FOR SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY AND
WOULD BE WISE TO FOSTER CONDITIONS FOR SUCH TALKS
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